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sick and can't take care of themselves anymore need care in their elder years. Now that doesn't rise to the level, to me, of giving prize money at the State Fair. So as a member of the committee, I have to weigh that, and so the other eight members of the committee. What is the balance?

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: And we're going to have, from our differing geographic areas and our different life experience, different reasons to put things in the budget. So my first question I ask myself for anything in there, is if we're not providing for public safety, if we're not providing for health, if we're not providing for the basic requirements that government comes together to do the things that people can't do for themselves, then that's my top priority in that budget. This is not a priority, I don't think, in this kind of a year. Maybe when funds are available and maybe when we get back to a place where we can be generous with those quality of life issues, the entertain issues, those kind of venues, then we can afford to do some of these things, but we can't afford to do them in a year when we have this kind of a budget deficit and when we have things coming forward. We have...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...fundamental, basic responsibilities we need to get to.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Thompson. (Visitors introduced.) Also, at this time, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 252-254. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I want to stand up and weigh in on this a little bit, not particular on Senator Chambers' amendment, but to talk about it, because everybody is trying to figure out what to do with this budget, and I'm concerned about some of it. I guess my big concern is right now is going to the \$1.10, that I cannot support that simply because in agriculture, our cost out there is just